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TO ALL EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC DIPLOMATIC POSTS

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SUBJECT: AUGUST 8 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. UN: KOREA, VIET-NAMS

OVER US OPPOSITION, UNSC COUNCIL ON ADMISSIONS APPROVES NVN, SVN FOR UN MEMBERSHIP (WP). DOS CONFIRMS US WILL VETO VN APPLICATION UNLESS SIMILAR RECOMMENDATION FOR SK (CSM).

US STICKS TO DEMAND THAT SK BE ADMITTED TO UN IF NVN, SVN SEATED. INSISTANCE IS PART US EFFORT BOLSTER, REASSURE SK IN POST-VN WAR SITUATION AND IN FACE RENEWED THREATS FROM NK. UN SEAT WOULD BE SOME COMPENSATION FOR FORMULA AGREED TO BY US, NOT YET IMPLEMENTED, WHEREBY UNC (BUT UNCLASSIFIED

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NOT US PRESENCE) WOULD BE ALLOWED LAPSE. NK HAS NOT PRESSED FOR UN ADMISSION, OPPOSES SK MEMBERSHIP; PRESUMABLY STANDS BY PRINCIPLE SINGLE KOREA AND BELIEVES SIMULTANEOUS ADMISSION 2 KOREAS AS LONG AS IRRECONCILABLE OPPOSITION

TO EACH OTHER EXISTS WOULD ONLY PERPETUATE DIVISION (CSM).

2. KOREA

NK HAS BEGUN EFFORTS REPAY HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS DOLS IN OVERDUE TRADE BILLS, BUT TARDY ACTION MAY HAVE COST INTL CREDIT RATING, COULD JEOPARDIZE CURRENT 6-YR PLAN. DEBTS TO W EUR, JAPAN, COMMUNIST COUNTRIES ESTIMATED 700 MILLION-1.7 BILLION DOLS, WITH PERHAPS 200 MILLION ALREADY DELINQUENT TO NON-COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. NK APPARENTLY FIRST SOCIALIST COUNTRY TO FAIL PAY TRADE OBLIGATIONS PROMPTLY. TROUBLES BEGAN 1970 WITH EXTENSIVE PURCHASES INDUSTRIAL PLANTS, HEAVY EQUIPMENT IN EFFORT MOVE AHEAD OF SK, FOLLOWED BY DROP IN WORLD PRICES FOR MAIN EXPORT, METALS; POOR MANAGEMENT, LACK OF FAMILIARITY WESTERN BUSINESS PRACTICES ALSO ADDED TO WOES. MAY BELIEVE KIM IL SUNG VISITED CHINA, E EUR AFTER INDOCHINA FALL TO SOVLE ECON PROBLEMS, RATHER THAN SEEK BACKING FOR ACTION AGAINST SK. MAY HAVE GAINED 150 MILLION DOL DEBT REDUCTION FROM PRC; WITH REPORTED 200 MILLION DOL LOAN FROM IRAN, NK HAS PLEDGED PAY JAPANESE CREDITORS (BUTTERFIELD, NYT).

3. JAPAN

ARAB REVOLUTIONARY NEWS AGENCY IN TRIPOLI SAYS JAL PLANE CARRYING JAPANESE RED ARMY TERRORISTS LANDED SAFELY BENGHAZI EARLY TODAY. RADIO LIBYA SAID GOL ALLOWED LAND IN RESPONSE GOM, GOJ REQUEST "AS HUMANITARIAN MEASURE" HELP SAVE LIVES (AP, WP, SUN). GOL OFFICIAL SAID NO DECISION MADE YET ON FATE OF TERRORISTS (WP).

FIVE RED ARMY TERRORISTS FREED 15 HOSTAGES UNHARMED AT KUALA LUMPUR THURSDAY, INCLUDING AMCONSUL ROBT STEBBINS, SWEDISH CHARGE BERGENSTRAHLE. TOOK OFF FOR LIBYA WITH FIVE TERRORISTS FLOWN FROM JAPAN, IN JAL DC-8 WITH CREW OF NINE, TWO EACH GOM, GOJ STAND-IN UNCLASSIFIED

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HOSTAGES (NYT SPECIAL; UPI, NYDN).

JET MADE TWO-HOUR REFUELING STOP COLOMBO, AMID UNPRECEDENTED SECURITY PRECAUTIONS. GSL WARNED GUARDS WOULD SHOOT IF PLANE DOORS OPENED (UPI, NYT). YEMEN WITHDREW EARLIER PERMISSION LAND ADEN FOR REFUELING. PILOT TOOK ON ENOUGH FUEL AT COLOMBO FOR NON-STOP FLIGHT TO LIBYA (UPI, PHINQ).

GHAZALI, WHO CONDUCTED NEGOTIATIONS FOR PLANEDEPARTURE FROM KL, TOLD UPI "STALLING TACTICS" OF GOJ OFFICIALS SO INFURIATED HIM HE THREATNED SEIZE PLANE, HAVE MALAYSIAN CREW FLY IT AWAY (WP).

HOSTAGES DESCRIBE TERRORISTS AS "DESPARATE MEN."
AMCONSUL STEBBINS SAID WERE "PRECISE AND VERY DETERMINED",
WANTED ONLY FREE COMRADES FROM PRISON IN JAPAN.

WAR MINISTRY OFFICIAL TEGERAN SAID AF ORDER SHOOT DOWN
TERRORIST PLANE IF INTRUDED IRAN AIR SPACE. ISRAELI OF-
FICIALS PUT TEL AVIV AIRPORT ON ALERT, IN CASE PLANE TRIED
LAND, OR INTENTIONALLY CRASH (NYDN, WP). INDIA REFUSED
ALLOW OVERFLIGHT (UPI, NYDN). (PHOTOS IN ALL PAPERS)

PM MIKI LEFT WASHINGTON THURSDAY FOR NYC (AP, SUN WITH
PHOTO). CONFIRMED JAPAN INTENDS PAY FOR EXPERIMENTAL
THEATER AT KENNEDY CENTER AS BICENTENNIEL GIFT, DURING
NPC LUNCHEON SPEECH (RICHARDS, WSTAR, 8/7).

MIKI, IN SPEECH TO 600 BUSINESS LEADERS AT WALDORF ASTORIA
DINNER THURSDAY NIGHT, CALLED FOR NEW "FRAMEWORK OF RE-
GIONAL COOPERATION" IN ASIA, SAID JAPAN WOULD EXPAND ECON
AID TO DEVELOPING NATIONS IN ASIA. URGED US PARTICIPATE
IN ASIAN "NATION-BUILDING AND PEACE-BUILDING" (BREASTED,
NYT; FULLER, JOC).

MAYOR BEAME PRAISED MIKI FOR "STEADFAST BELIEF" PARLIA-
MENTARY DEMOCRACY, NAMED HIM HONORARY CITIZEN. MIKI DREW
LAUGHS WITH RESPONSE "PREPARED TO PAY TAXES" IF NOT TOO
HIGH (REUTER, NY).

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OPPOSITION PARTIES IN TOKYO CRITICIZE MIKI-FORD COMMUNIQUE
FOR REAFFIRMING US-JAPAN MILITARY ALLIANCE. JSP CHARGES
SHOWS "COMPLETE LACK OF UNDERSTANDING" OF POST-VN ASIA (WP).

HIROSHIMA CELEBRATES 30TH ANNIVERSARY AUG 6 A-BOMB (PHINQ).

ADM LAROCQUE IN TOKYO SAID THURSDAY US WILL NOT INVOLVE
SELF IN ANOTHER LAND WAR IN ASIA BECAUSE PEOPLE WILL NOT
SUPPORT IT, DESPITE TALK OF KOREA BEING DIFFERENT FROM
INDOCHINA. SAID NUCLEAR DETERRENT MIGHT WORK FOR US, BUT
NOT OTHER COUNTRIES, BECAUSE US WOULD NOT STRIKE MOSCOW
TO SAVE TOKYO "AND LOSE WASHINGTON IN THE DEAL" (REUTER, WP).

JAPAN EX-IM BANK SAID THURSDAY GIVING MEXICO INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT BANK 22.1 MILLION DOL LOAN TO FINANCE EXPANSION
MANZANILLO PORT (UPI, JOC).

SOURCES SAID THURSDAY MITI DIRECTED DRAFT PLAN TO REGROUP
JAPAN'S 1- OIL FIRMS THROUGH MERGERS, TO HELP INDUSTRY
OVERCOME FINANCIAL CRISIS (CULLISON, JOC).

4. CHINA

CORDDRY (SUN) REPORTS PRC SOUNDING OUT MANILA ON POSSIBLE USE PHIL AIR, NAVAL FACILITIES. INTELLIGENCE SOURCES SUGGEST SUCH INTEREST MERELY ATTEMPTING BEAT SOVIETS TO PUNCH.

FILIPINO OFFICIAL RECENTLY VISITING PEKING SAID HE PERSONALLY THOUGHT "FRIENDLY POWER" SUCH AS PRC SHOULD BE ACCORDED PRIVILEGES RESEMBLING THOSE OF US (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

SHANGHAI RABBINATE'S FORMER EXECUTIVE MAINTAINS FEWER THAN DOZEN JEWS LIVE IN PRC TODAY. RABBI ZEITIN SAYS MOST JEWS MOVED OUT AS COMMUNISTS TOOK OVER IN 1949 (WP).

LIFE-SIZE POTTERY FIGURES EXCAVATED IN PRC THROW NEW LIGHT ON EARLY CHINESE SCULPTURE; EXPECTED FURNISH VALUABLE DATA ON TECHNOLOGY, SOCIETY IN MIDDLE KINGDOM 2,000 YRS AGO (BREEZE, WP).

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5. AUSTRALIA

GOA PLANS ESTABLISH INSURANCE COMPANY DESPITE PROTESTS FROM PRIVATE INSURANCE FIRMS; MAINTAINS CORP WILL COVER AUSTRALIANS AGAINST ALL DISASTERS, INCLUDING CROP LOSSES. OPPONENTS ARGUE GOVT FIRM COULD USE INVESTMENT MUSCLE FOR POLITICAL ENDS, GAINING EVEN MORE POWER OVER TAXPAYER'S MONEY (VICKERS, CSM).

6. MALAYSIA

CSM REPORTS SABAH APPEARS READY DECLARE INDEPENDENCE. RAZAK AT ODDS WITH SABAH'S CHIEF MINISTER MUSTAFA OVER LATTER'S AUTOCRATIC RULE, LAVISH SPENDING. OBSERVERS SAY RAZAK MAY BE FORCED OUST MUSTAFA, BUT TASK WOULD BE DIFFICULT AS MUSTAFA HAS SUPPORT 45,000 PHIL MUSLIM REBELS WITHIN SABAH'S POPULATION.

7. THAILAND

KUKRIT PRAMOJ DENIES 2 THAI DIPLOMATS ARRESTED IN LAOS WERE SPIES; FONMINISTRY DEMANDED THEIR RELEASE. LAOS ACCUSED DEPUTY MILITARY ATTACHES OF "ESPIONAGE AND SABOTAGE"; VIENTIANE GAVE NO REONSE TO THAI DEMANDS (WP,CSM).

THAILAND DECLARES 2 LAOTIAN DIPLOMATS PERSONA NON GRATA; NO STATEMENT EXPLAINING WHY ACTION TAKEN, BUT SOME BELIEVE MAY BE IN RETALIATION FOR ARREST IN VIENTIANE OF 2 THAI DIPLOMATS (REUTER).

THOUSANDS OF THAI STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN ANTIGOV'T DEMON-

STRATIONS 8/7, BLAMING CURRENT CIVILIAN GOVT FOR FAILING
SOLVE MURDERS SEVERAL FARMERS WHO, PROTESTORS SAY, WERE
KILLED BY LAND REDISTRIBUTION OPPONENTS (WP, WSJ, CHITRIB,
UPI, PHINQ).

8. INDOCHINA

US-SPREAD DEFOLIANTS MAY BE CAUSING EXTENSIVE LIVER
CANCER IN NVN, SVN, ACCORDING YALE BIOLOGIST AFTER
MONTH-LONG VISIT HANOI. SAYS LIVER CANCER NOW 6 TIMES
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MORE PREVALENT THAN BEFORE WAR; BUT NVIET SCIENTISTS
SO FAR NOT ABLE MAKE DIRECT LINK BETWEEN CHEMICALS, RISING
CANCER RATE. BIOLOGIST, SENT BY GROUP THAT SPONSORS
SCIENTIFIC AID TO INDOCHINA, STATES NVIETS HAVE NO
RESIDUAL HATRED OF AMERICANS, BUT FEEL ENTITLED MASSIVE
US AID (SINGLETON, NYDN).

9. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

FED SUBSIDIES OF 1.3 MILLION DOLS WILL AID NEARLY 300
REFUGEE MDS QUALIFY FOR MED PRACTICE IN US (UPI, NYDN;
WSJ; GLOBE); ONLY THREE SO FAR LICENSED BY STATES (WSJ;
GLOBE). EIGHTEEN VIET REFUGEES RECRUITED FOR RC PRIESTHOOD
STUDIES BY NEW ORLEANS ARCHDIOCESE (WP).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

10. UN

SUN FEELS HATRED BETWEEN NK, SK PROMISES THWART WHATEVER
HEALING EFFECT MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED BY BRINGING
NVN, SVN INTO UN. POINTS OUT USSR, PRC DOUBLE STANDARDS
IN PUSHING TO ADMIT BOTH VNS, KEEP OUT BOTH KOREAS.
HOPES KIM IL SUNG WILL MELLOW SOME WHEN UN FLAG USE
BY US FORCES IN SK ENDS. POINTS OUT OCCASIONAL STIRRINGS
THAT INDICATE NK MAY DESIRE COMMUNICATION WITH NON-
COMMUNIST WORLD. RECOMMENDS US PATIENTLY PURSUE EACH
STIRRING THROUGH WHATEVER CONTACTS AVAILABLE (USIA
WIRELESS FILE).

11. GENERAL

CSM (8/6) SEES US, USSR TURNING ATTENTION TO ASIA, WITH
LATTER MOVING KEEP PRC CONTAINED. RUSSIA KEEPS ALIVE
BID FOR ASIAN SECURITY ARRANGEMENT, BUT COUNTRIES
THERE SHOW LITTLE ENTHUSIASM FOR COLLECTIVE SECURITY
IDEA. NVN PLAYS UP TO USSR, BUT CAREFUL NOT OFFEND
PEKING. PRC RESHAPES STRATEGY IN WAKE VN WAR, CULTIVATES
TIES WITH THAILAND, MALAYSIA, PHILS; SIGNALS US KEEP
STRONG MIL PRESENCE IN AREA. CSM BELIEVES NO LONGER

BILATERAL PROBLEMS BETWEEN US, JAPAN, WITH LATTER
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RENEWING FOCUS ON SECURITY ISSUE BECAUSE OF MOUNTING

IMPORTANCE KOREA AS POSSIBLE SOURCE OF CONFLICT IN REGION.
CALLS THIS TIME FOR CREATIVE THINKING AS US ADJUSTS
TO NEW REALITIES. KISSINGER

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